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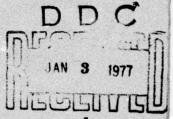
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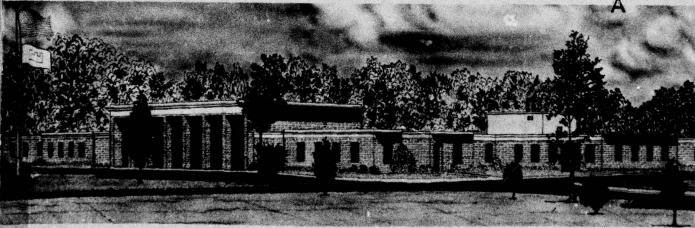
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Tests were performed on landing mats and membranes to evaluate the antiskid properties of paints and antiskid coating when each was in contact with a loaded rubber tire, and/or when each was in contact with soil or membrane. The data were used to determine the forces which were transmitted through the mats to the underlying materials and which the anchors would have to resist to prevent mat movement under a braking aircraft tire. Panels with antiskid on both sides increased the resistance of panels to sliding along the (Continued)

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Preface

This study was conducted as a part of the work authorized by the Troop Support Division (formerly Ground Mobility Division), Directorate of Research, Development, and Engineering, U. S. Army Materiel Command (now the U. S. Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command), under the title "Combat Engineer Equipment," DA Project No. 16764717DH01, Task 10, "Landing Mat."

The study was performed at the U. S. Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station (WES) during March-April 1972 under the general supervision of Mr. James P. Sale, Chief, Soils and Pavements Laboratory (S&PL). Personnel of the Materiel Development Division, S&PL, actively engaged in the planning, testing, analyzing, and reporting phases of the study were Messrs. William L. McInnis, Hugh L. Green, Dewey W. White, Carroll J. Smith, and Gordon L. Carr. The Pavement Design Division, S&PL, had the responsibility for coordinating the test, test personnel, and equipment, under the supervision of Messrs. Ronald L. Hutchinson and Cecil D. Burns. This report was prepared by Mr. Carr.

Directors of WES during the conduct of the study and the preparation and publication of this report were BG E. D. Peixotto, CE, COL G. H. Hilt, CE, and COL J. L. Cannon, CE. Technical Director was Mr. F. R. Brown.

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Conversion Factors, U. S. Customary to Metric (SI) Units of Measurement

U. S. customary units of measurement used in this report can be converted to metric (SI) units as follows:

Multiply	Ву	To Obtain
inches	25.4	millimetres
feet	0.3048	metres
pounds (force)	4.448222	newtons
pounds (force) per square inch	6.894757	kilopascals
Fahrenheit degrees	0.555	Celsius degrees or Kelvins*

^{*} To obtain Celsius (C) temperature readings from Fahrenheit (F) readings, use the following formula: C = (5/9)(F - 32). To obtain Kelvin (K) readings, use: K = (5/9)(F - 32) + 273.15.

SKID TESTS ON XML8, XML9, AND TIL LANDING MATS PLACED IN CONTACT WITH SOIL AND PLACED ON MEMBRANE ON SOIL

- l. Background. With the advent of heavy aircraft with multiwheel gears, it became evident that additional data were needed on the anchor restraining force for mats. Since the anchors restrain forces transmitted through the mats, the frictional coefficient of the mat surface determines the magnitude of these forces. Some data on coefficients of friction for the subject mats with antiskid coating and for painted mat surfaces were available at the U. S. Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station (WES). For example, these values are: coefficient of friction of antiskid-coated mat $\mu a = 0.67$; coefficient of friction of the painted mat $\mu p = 0.40$. Also, the forces to produce these coefficient of friction values were known. The force required to produce skidding of a 30,000-lb* loaded C-5A tire (similar data are available on the C-130 tire) on the antiskid surface is 20,100 lb and on the painted surface is 12,000 lb.
- 2. Using this information, WES computed the force that would be transmitted to an anchor behind the skidding tire as follows: If a force were applied to the tire on landing mat with an antiskid-coated upper surface with the painted surface of the mat in contact with underlying soil or membrane, no movement would occur until the force exceeded approximately 12,000 lb. At forces above this, the painted surface of the mat would move along the ground or membrane. If the mat were restrained from sliding with a dynamometer when the applied force reached 20,000 lb (when the tire would skid on the antiskid), the restraining force recorded by the dynamometer would be 8,000 lb. Simply stated, the painted mat surface would react or restrain forces up to 12,000 lb; forces from 12,000 to 20,000 lb would have to be restrained by the anchor (i.e. 20,000 lb to skid on antiskid; 12,000 lb to skid on paint; 20,000 12,000 or 8,000 lb required to restrain or anchor the mat).
- 3. Some data on record for the coefficient of friction of the painted mat surfaces ($\mu p)$ were considerably lower than that used in the example, and if used, would give a higher value than 8000 lb required to restrain or anchor the mat. The smaller the μp , the greater is the required anchor force. By using these or similar data, WES has made recommendations regarding the anchor forces required to restrain certain mats. Test data were needed to support or refute the above hypothesis and computations.

^{*} A table of factors for converting U. S. customary units of measurement to metric (SI) units is presented on page 4.

4. Test program. Coefficient of friction tests were performed with a C-5A tire loaded to 30,000 lb with 100-psi tire inflation pressure on a dry surface. Two series of tests, called "A" and "B," were run. The A-series was performed with the load wheel on mat on membrane on a lean clay subgrade which had a CBR strength of 24. The B-series of the tests was identical with the A-series, except that the mats were placed directly on the lean clay subgrade. In subseries "a," the mats were anchored with a dynamometer in the anchor system to determine the force transmitted from the skidding tire to the ground. In subseries "b," the mats were not anchored but were free to move with the force applied to the load cart or to resist this force by staying in place on the soil or membrane.

5. The objectives of the tests were:

- a. To determine the coefficient of friction of the mat surfaces coated with antiskid material and with paint when each was in contact with the loaded tire and/or when each was in contact with soil or membrane.
- b. To determine the force transmitted through the mats to the anchored dynamometer when the tire was skidded on the mat surfaces.
- c. To evaluate the effectiveness of ways proposed to increase the resistance of the mats to movement along the soil or membrane when braking forces were applied to the mat surface.
 - d. To validate WES data specified in paragraph 1.
- 6. Tests were performed on XM19, XM18, and Tll landing mats. Each type of mat was coated with paint on the bottom surface and with antiskid on the top surface. The XM18 mat used in one test series and all of the nested Tll mats (nested to produce a symmetrical top and bottom surface) (Incl 1) had antiskid on both the top and bottom surfaces. The layout for each mat test is shown on Incl 2. In each test, the wheel or mat was to be skidded from 6 to 10 ft and the force was to be recorded on an electric recording oscillograph. Force was applied to the load cart by a four-wheel electric drive prime mover. Inclosure 3 shows the prime mover, skid cart, and dynamometers in a typical test arrangement.
- 7. The test data for the A-series (mat on membrane on soil) are tabulated on Incl 4. These data were extracted from the plots for each test (Incls 5-12). Data for the B-series (mat on soil) are tabulated on Incl 13. These data were extracted from the plots for each test (Incls 14-21).
- 8. Additional coefficient of friction tests, identified as tests 5-8 on Incl 22, were performed on half panels of Tll and XM18 by applying force to the loaded panel to produce skidding of the mat. In all of these tests, the antiskid-coated surface was down (panels were upside down) when the panel was skidded both on the ground and on the membrane.

The panel was initially loaded with a 2000-lb weight for each test. The coefficient of friction values were higher than normal because the panels dug into the soil and the data were not considered valid (Incl 22, tests 1-4). Duplicate tests were performed using a 1000-lb loading on the panels; these data are recorded on Incl 22, tests 5-8, and plotted on Incl 23.

9. Analysis. Selected relevant data were extracted from the inclosures and are presented below in tabular form as they relate to the applicable analysis. The coefficients of friction for similar test conditions are shown below in descending order of the average coefficients.

Condition	Test	Coefficient of Friction
Tire to antiskid	Ala	0.68
	A3a	0.68
	A7a	0.68
	Bla	0.68
	ВЗа	0.72
	В7а	0.69
	Avg	0.69
Paint to soil	Blb	0.65
	ВЗъ	0.57
	В7ъ	0.56
	Avg	0.59
Antiskid to soil	5*	0.58
	7*	0.54
	Avg	0.56
Antiskid to membrane	6 *	0.53
	8*	0.54
	Avg	0.535
Paint to membrane	Alb	0.47
	A3b	0.57
	A7b	0.49
	Avg	0.51
Tire to paint	В2ъ	0.48
	B4a	0.50
	Avg	0.49

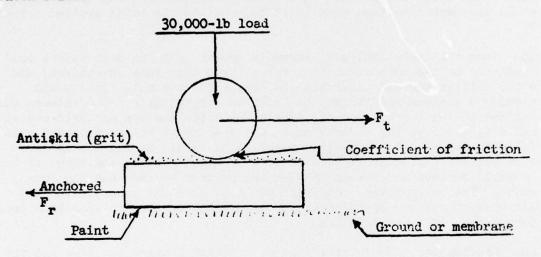
^{*} Mats were skidded on soil or membrane. (In other tests, the measurements were made when the load cart was skidded on the mat.)

The only trend that is not in the anticipated order is the paint-to-soil coefficient of 0.59 being greater than the antiskid-to-soil value of 0.56. The former value has one high value (0.65) in the figures averaged (test Blb, XM19 mat) and without using this value, the coefficients of friction for antiskid-to-soil and for paint-to-soil would be nearly the same, 0.56 versus 0.565, respectively. By comparing tests B3a, B7a, and B5a, there is also evidence that the coefficient of friction produced by the antiskid-coated mat on soil is higher than the coefficient of friction produced by the paint-coated mat on soil. In each of these three tests, an average force of approximately 20,000 lb was applied to the load cart to skid the tire. In tests B3a and B7a, the paint-to-soil contact transferred an average force of 9,900 and 7,000 lb, respectively, to the anchor; whereas a force of only 1,500 lb was transferred to the anchor through the antiskid-to-soil contact in test B5a. In other words, the antiskid-coated surface was effectively preventing transfer of the force to the anchor.

- 10. From Incl 4 in the A-series (tests la, 3a, and 7a), average forces of 11,800 to 13,500 lb were transmitted to the anchored dynamometer when the tire was skidded on the antiskid-coated mat surfaces. The average force applied to skid the tire in these tests was 20,500 lb. However, average forces of only 200 to 800 lb (tests A2a, A4a, and A8a) were transmitted to the anchored dynamometer when the tire was skidded on a painted surface. The average forces required to skid the tire in the latter tests were in the range of 13,000 to 17,500 lb per Incl 4.
- 11. In the B-series (tests la, 3a, and 7a), average forces from 5,500 to 9,900 lb were transmitted to the anchored dynamometer when the tire was skidded on the antiskid-coated mat surfaces (Incl 13). The average force applied to skid the tire in these tests ranged from 20,500 to 21,800 lb. However, average forces of only 200 to 500 lb (tests B2a, B^{1} a, and B8a) were transmitted to the anchored dynamometer when the tire was skidded on a painted surface. The average forces required to skid the tire in the latter tests were in the range of 14,200 to 15,000 lb. This indicates that the antiskid coating in contact with the underlying soil or membrane will prevent mat movement when a force skids a tire on a painted surface as tested in the dry condition.
- 12. For tests 5a and 5b of the A- and B-series, the bottom sides of the XM18 mats were coated by hand rollers using Fuller 201 antiskid and 408 converter materials. (The topsides were factory coated with antiskid.) The panels were allowed to cure for a minimum of two days at ambient temperature of approximately 58°F or higher before the skid tests were performed. In tests A5a and B5a, average forces of 22,500 and 20,500 lb, respectively, were required to skid the tire, and an average force of only 1,500 lb was transmitted to the anchored dynamometer during each test. In tests A5b and B5a (mat not anchored), the mat did not move during the test when an average force of 21,000 lb was applied to skid the tire approximately 9 ft on the antiskid mat surface. These test data indicate that antiskid on the bottom of the mat will transfer a minimum force (1,500 lb) to be anchored when a 30,000-lb load on a C-5A

tire inflated to 100 psi is skidded on an antiskid-coated mat surface. The above data were generally duplicated using Tll mat nested bottom-to-bottom. The Tll mat has 0.05-in. lands (protrusions) on the antiskid-coated upper surface. By using the nesting arrangement, the contact surfaces of the mats were duplicates of each other. Comparisons of tests A5 (no lands) with A6 (with lands) and B5 (no lands) with B6 (with lands) show that no appreciable increase in the coefficients of friction could be attributed to the lands on the surface that were in contact with the substrata.

13. A schematic diagram of the anchored mat skid test and symbols are shown below.



Test data shown below were extracted from Incls 4 and 13. In each test, the mats were in normal placement position (antiskid-coated surface up, painted surface down).

Test	F _t	μа		Fr	Remarks
Ala A3a A7a	20,500 20,500 20,500	0.68 0.68 0.68		11,800 12,500 13,500	Mat on membrane Mat on membrane Mat on membrane
			Avg	12,600	
Bla B3a B7a	20,500 21,800 20,700	0.68 0.72 0.69	Avg	5,500 9,000 <u>7,000</u> 7,167	Mat on soil Mat on soil Mat on soil

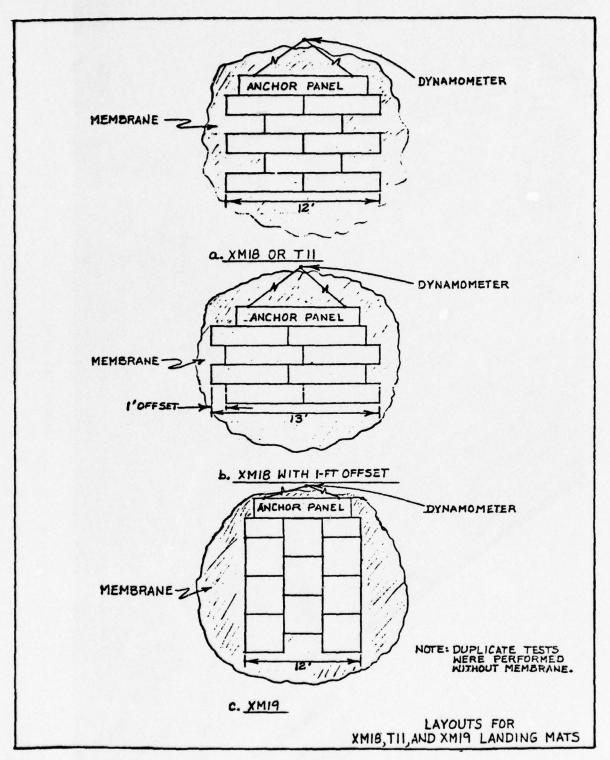
14. Anchor forces required to restrain the mats were much higher when the painted surface was in contact with the membrane than when the painted surface was in contact with the soil (12,600 versus 7,170 lb). Comparing these average values, 42 percent more force was transferred to

the mat anchors when the painted mat surface was on membrane than when the painted mat surface was on soil. The force transmitted to the anchor when the mat was on the membrane was also 33 percent higher than the value used in the example in paragraph 2. However, the force transmitted to the anchors when the mat was in contact with the soil was near the value computed in the example in paragraph 2. Thus, the lower the coefficient of friction of the painted surface used for computation, the higher the indicated anchor forces would be and would approach the values measured in actual tests shown in the tabulation in paragraph 13. Assuming that the painted mat surface and subgrade were wet and the coefficient of friction of the painted surface, μp , to soil or membrane approached zero, the force, F_r , recorded by the anchored dynamometer would approach a maximum that would be equal to the total applied force, F_t .

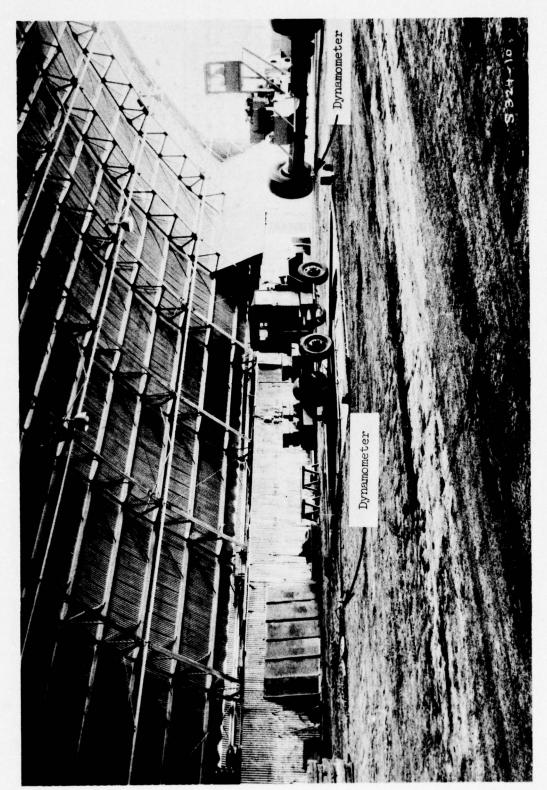
- 15. From the above analysis, it would appear that the most severe load condition on the anchors would occur after a long rain (overnight) when water infiltrated and saturated the area under the mat. This would produce a minimum coefficient of friction (approaching zero) between the painted bottom surface and the subgrade. After the top antiskid-coated mat surface dried (by midafternoon) and when heavy aircraft landed with full braking efforts, a maximum force would result on the mat surface when the coefficients of friction were greatest between the tire and the antiskid surface and lowest between the painted surface and the subgrade. The least severe condition would be when the subgrade was dry and the top surface of the mats was muddy and wet, a condition that seems improbable, if not impossible.
- 16. Conclusions. The coefficient of friction between the tire and the antiskid-coated surface of the mat was greater than any other contacting surfaces tested. The lowest coefficient of friction was between the tire and the painted surface. Forces transmitted to the anchors when the mats were placed normally and on a membrane were considerably larger than when the mats were placed normally and directly on soil (12,600 versus 7,167 lb). Antiskid on both sides of the mats reduced the force transmitted to the anchor to forces in a range of nearly zero to a few hundred pounds. The addition of antiskid coating and lands 0.05 in. high (as on the Tll mats) on both sides of the mats did not reduce the force transmitted to the anchor any more than the reduction achieved by coating both sides of a smooth mat with antiskid compound. The WES data computed prior to these tests were comparable to the forces measured for mats on soil. However, these computations were not correct for a mat-on-membrane-on-soil situation as shown by the greater forces transmitted from a skidding tire to the anchors.







Incl 2

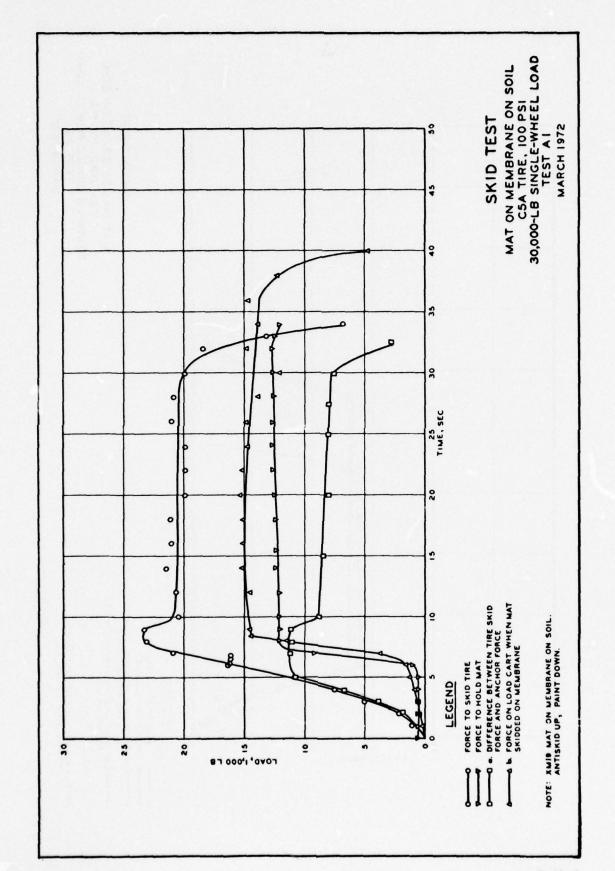


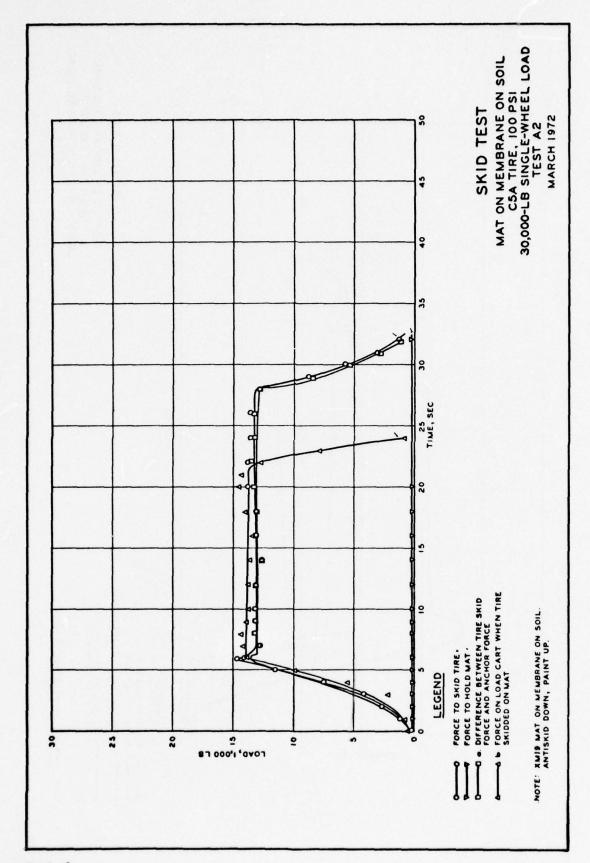
Typical arrangement of equipment for skid test

In all s-tests, the mats were anchored with a 20,000-1b dynamometer and readings are given below:

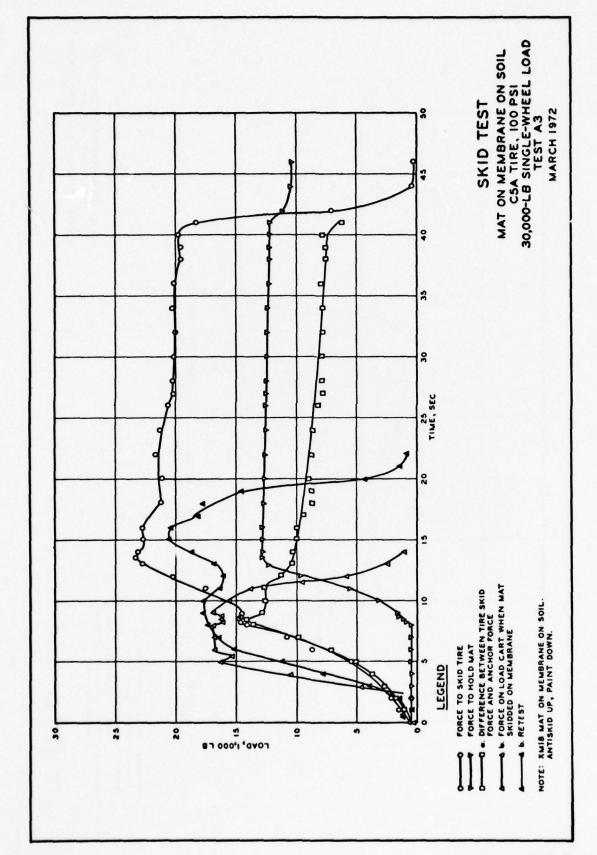
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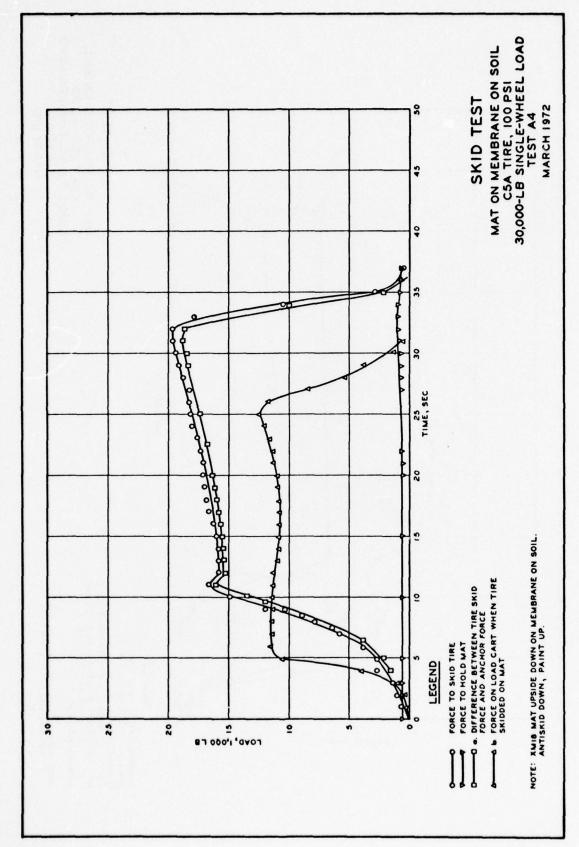
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est No.	Peak	AVR	Remarks	
Ala	12,600	11,800	Antiskid up, paint down	(normal)
A28	300	200	Paint up, antiskid down	
A38	12,900	12,500	Antiskid up, paint down	(normal)
Ala	1,000	800	Paint up, antiskid down	
A58	3,200	1,500	Antiskid up and down	
A6a	5,500	2,500	Antiskid up and down	
A7a	14,000	13,500	Antiskid up, paint down	(normal)
A8a	200	250	Paint up, antiskid down	



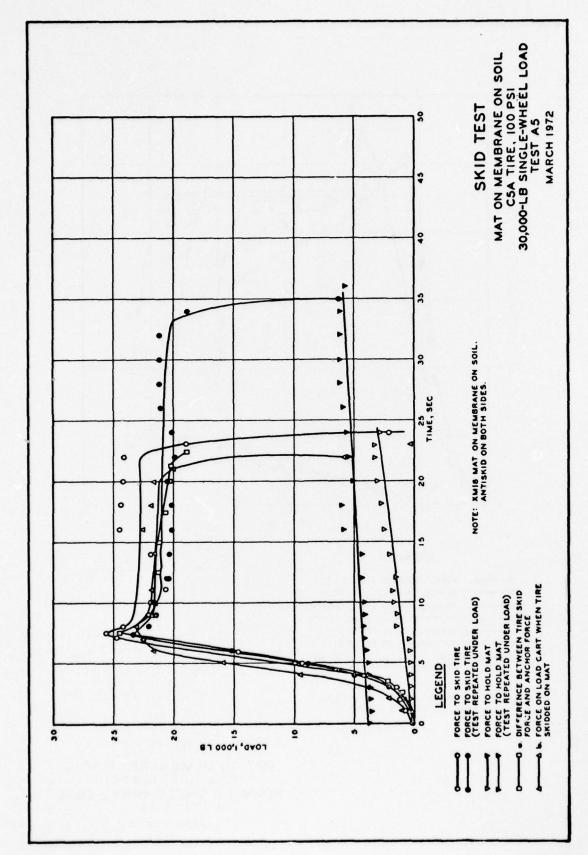


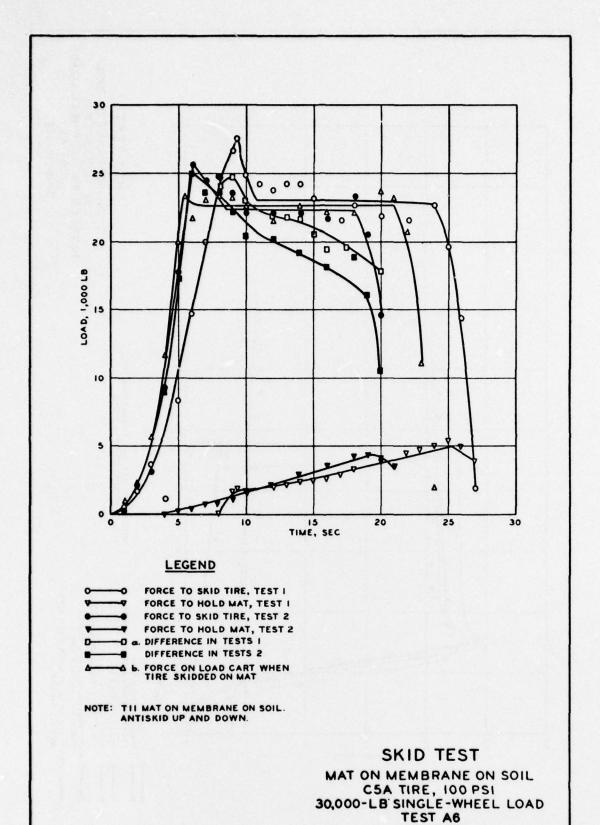
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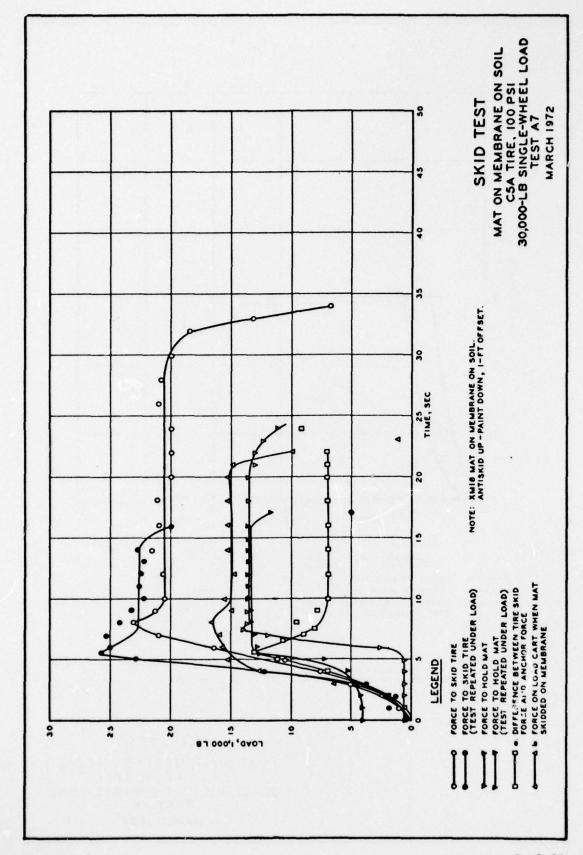


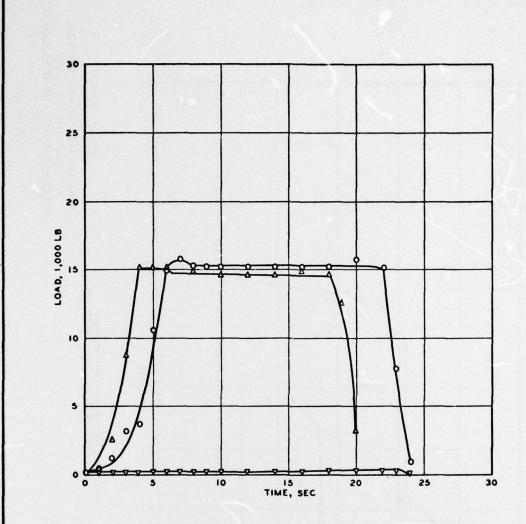
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O FORCE TO SKID TIRE
FORCE TO HOLD MAT

b. FORCE ON LOAD CART WHEN
TIRE SKIDDED ON MAT

NOTE: XMIS MAT ON MEMBRANE ON SOIL. ANTISKID DOWN, 1-FT OFFSET.

SKID TEST

MAT ON MEMBRANE ON SOIL C5A TIRE, 100 PSI 30,000-LB SINGLE-WHEEL LOAD TEST A8 MARCH 1972

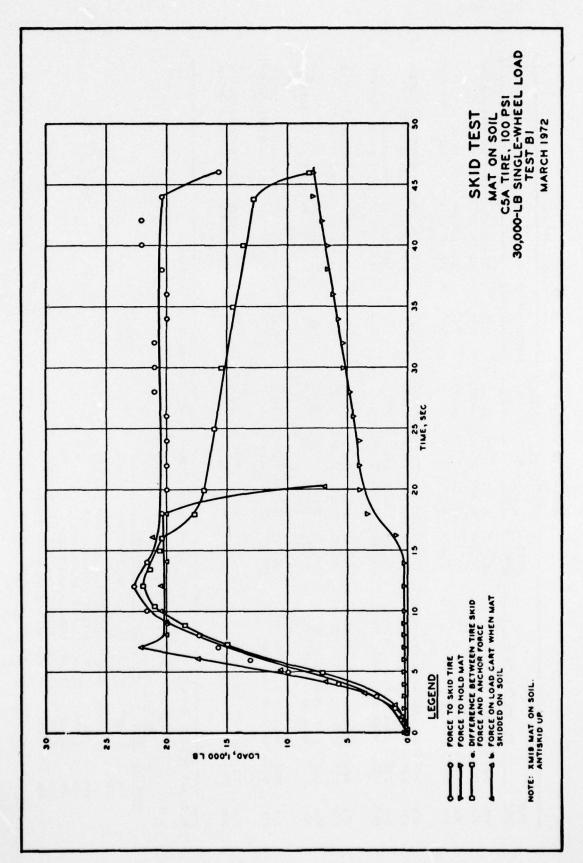
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Test			Vertical	Force to Skid		Distance of Skid	Coefficient of	
No.*		Mat and Orientation	Load, 1b	Peak	Avg	t.	Friction, u	Remarks
Bla	XML9	XML9 - entiskid up XML9 - entiskid up	30,000	22,500	20,500	11 6-2/3	0.68	Thre skidded on mat antiskid surface Mat (paint) skidded on soil
B2a B2b	XML9	XM19 - paint up XM19 - paint up	30,000	15,200	14,200	11-1/3 11	0.47	Tire skidded on mat paint Tire skidded on mat paint. Mat did not move
B3a B3b	2018 2018	XM18 - antiskid up (normal offset) XM18 - antiskid up (normal offset)	30,000	23,400	21,800	8-5/6	0.72	Tire skidded on mat antiskid surface Mat (paint) skidded on soil
Pha Bub	XX18 XX18	XML8 - paint up (normal offset)	30,000	16,800	15,000	9-2/3	0.50	Tire skidded on mat paint Tire skidded on mat paint. Mat did not move
878 870	800x	XML8 - antiskid up (1-ft offset) XML8 - antiskid up (1-ft offset)	30,000	21,500	20,700	8-2/3 5-1/3	0.69	Tire skidded on mat antiskid surface Mat (paint) skidded on soil
38° 38° 38° 38° 38° 38° 38° 38° 38° 38°	XX18 XX18	XM18 - paint up (1-ft offset) XM18 - paint up (1-ft offset)	30,000	16,200	15,000	7-5/6 8-1/2	0.50	Tire skidded on mat paint Tire skidded on mat paint. Mat did not move
B5& B5b	XXII8	XML8 - antiskid both sides XML8 - antiskid both sides	30,000	21,000	20,500	8-2/3	0.68	Tire skidded on mat antiskid surface. Tire skidded on mat antiskid surface. Mat did not move
B66 B66	11	Tll - antiskid both sides Tll - antiskid both sides	30,000	26,100 24,200	22,000	7-1/3 5-1/3	0.73	Thre skidded on mat antiskid surface. Thre skidded on mat antiskid surface. Mat did not move

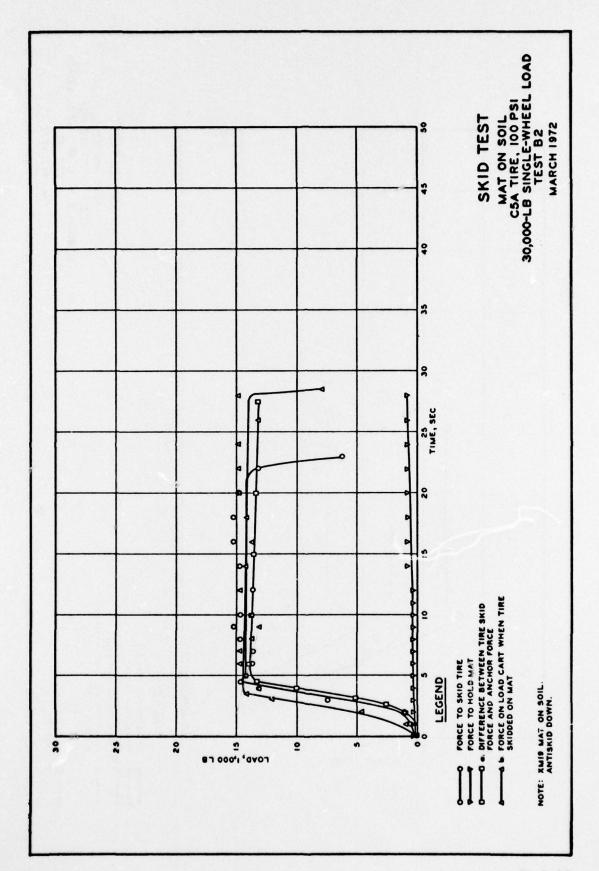
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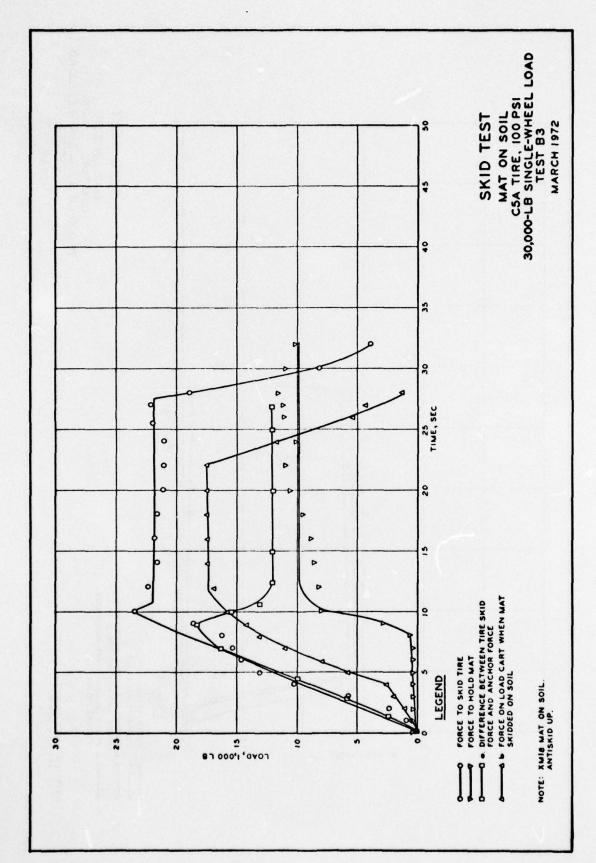
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Bla	7,800	5,500	Antiskid up, paint down (normal)
B2a	800	200	Paint up, antiskid down
ВЗа	11,500	006.6	Antiskid up, paint down (normal)
Bha	500	200	down
BSa	2,000	1,500	Antiskid up and down
Béa	2,500	1,500	Antiskid up and down
B7a	9,500	2,000	Antiskid up, paint down (normal)
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The mats were not anchored in the subseries b-tests.

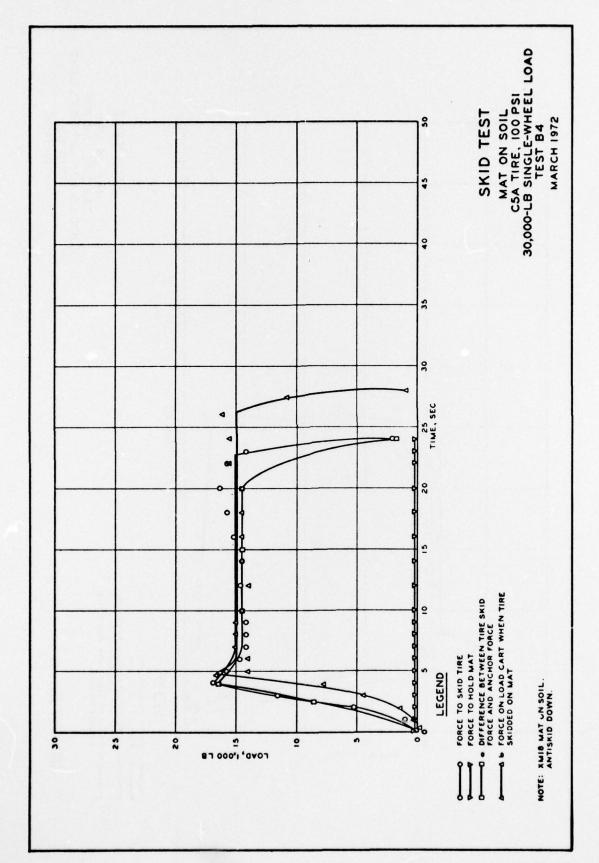


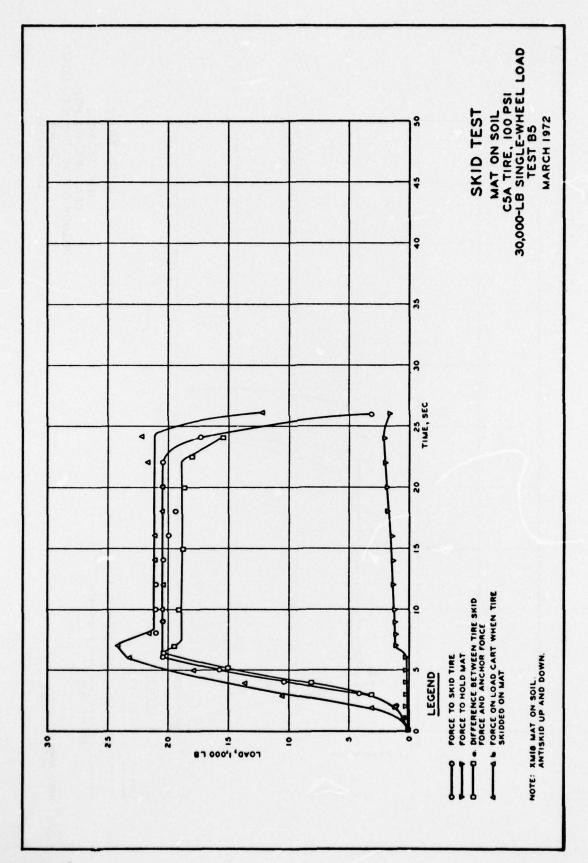
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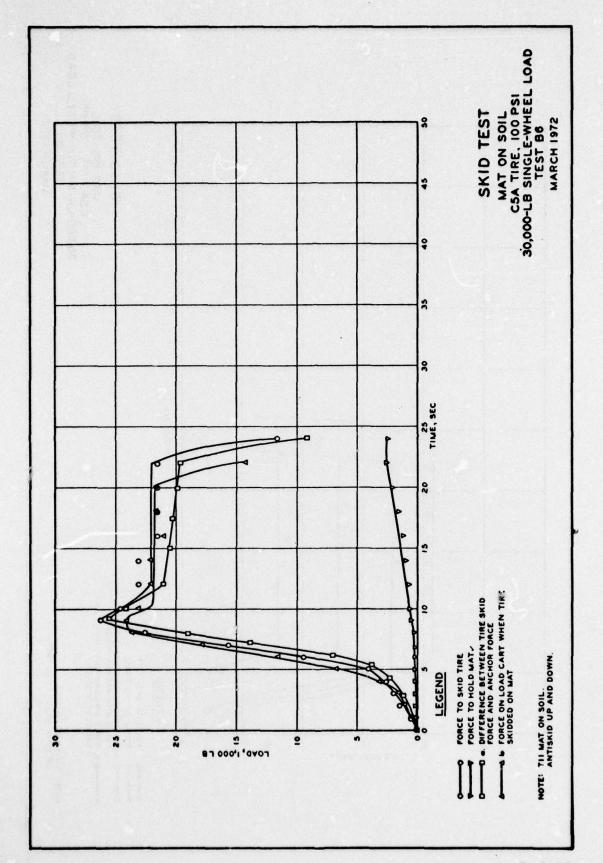




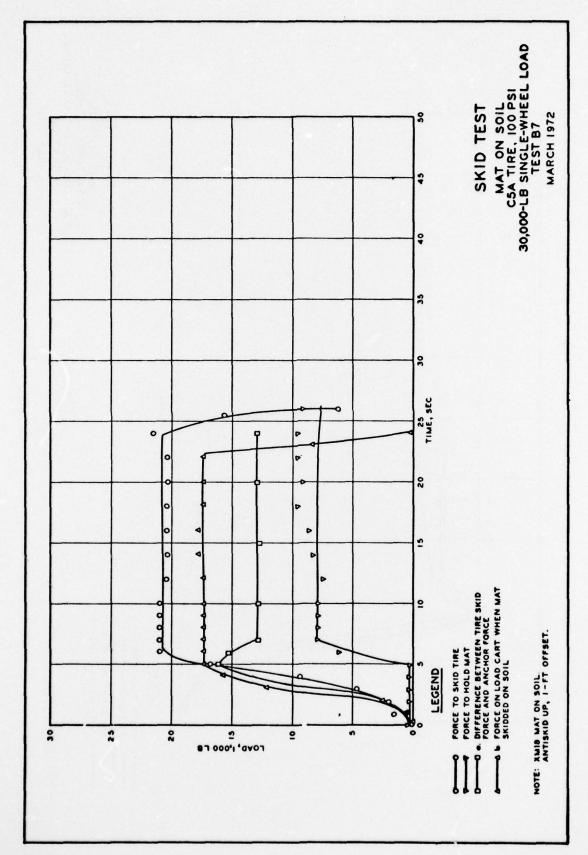
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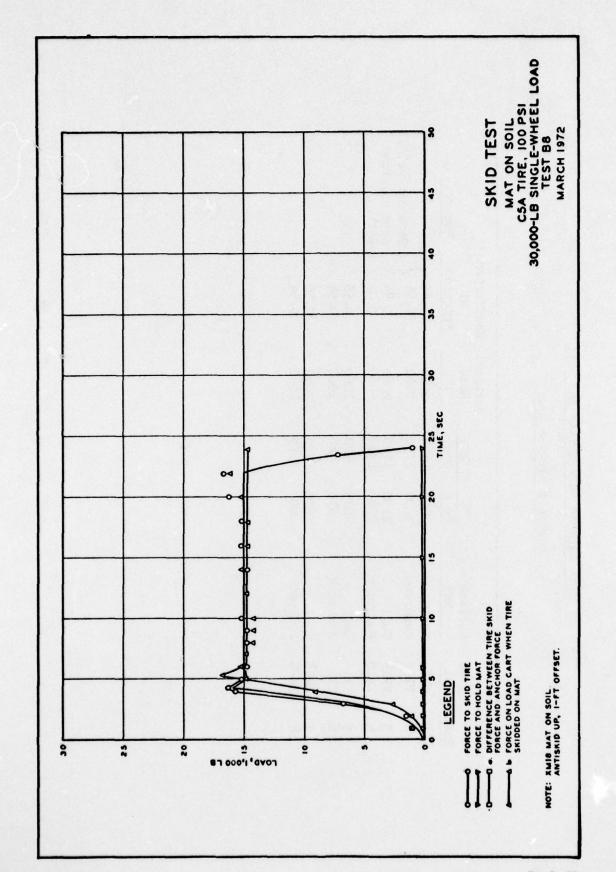






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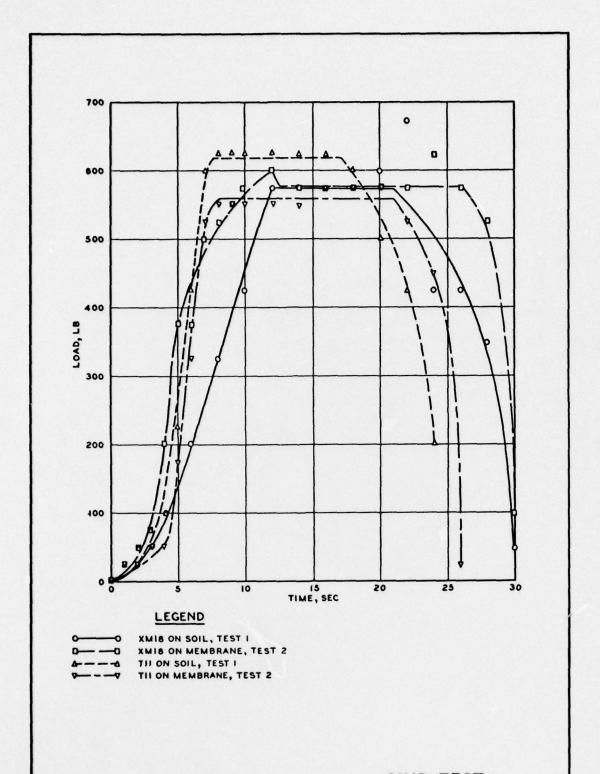




Mats Skidded on Membrane and Soil

Antiskid Surface Down

		valid	into		
	Remarks	Data not	mats dug soil.		
Coefficient of	Friction	0.85	0.85	0.55 0.54	0.56
-	•			1060	
s, 1b	Avg.	1750	1750	625 620 570 560	575 575
		2050	2200	625 570	670 620
Surface under	Mat	Soil Membrane	Soil Membrane	Soil Membrane	Soil Membrane
Type	Mat	111	XM18 XM18	11	XM18
	Test	- a	m#	w	-∞



SKID TEST ONE HALF PANEL UNITS 1000 LB LOAD ANTISKID DOWN MARCH 1972